

Application No.: 10/777,901Docket No.: 713-1006**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The fastener according to claim ~~[[7]]~~ 18, being made in a single piece.
- 3-10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended) The fastener according to claim ~~[[7]]~~ 18, wherein the head comprises a tongue for manual gripping ~~[[, and]]~~  
~~each of the first spacer and the second spacer comprises two diametrically opposed said lugs, wherein the lugs on the first spacer are aligned with the lugs on the second spacer.~~
12. (canceled)
13. (currently amended) The fastener of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 22, wherein said collar has only one said tooth, a remainder of said collar extending circumferentially of said fastener without interruption from one of said cut-outs to another.
14. (currently amended) The fastener of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 22, wherein said tooth has a material thickness greater than a remainder of said collar.

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15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The fastener of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 18, wherein the dimensions of said second enlarged portion in said first and second radial directions are smaller than the respective dimensions of said first enlarged portion in said first and second radial directions; and

the dimensions of said first enlarged portion in said first and second radial directions are smaller than the respective dimensions of said head in said first and second radial directions.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A fastener, comprising a head and an elongated body extending in an axial direction thereof downwardly from said head;

said elongated body comprising, in said axial direction, a first enlarged portion connected to an underside of said head via a first neck portion and a second enlarged portion connected to said first enlarged portion via a second neck portion, whereby sheet materials having openings can be accommodated around said neck portions between said first enlarged portion and said head and between said first and second enlarged portions;

each of said enlarged portions having a greater dimension and a smaller dimension respectively in first and second radial directions perpendicular to said axial direction;

wherein the dimensions of said enlarged portions in said first and second radial directions are not greater than respective dimensions of said head in said first and second radial directions; and

~~The fastener of claim 15,~~ wherein each of said enlarged portions has a maximum dimension and a minimum dimension respectively in said first and second radial directions which are perpendicular to each other.

19. (previously presented) The fastener of claim 18, wherein each of said enlarged

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portions includes a central cylindrical portion and at least one lug extending outwardly from said cylindrical portion in said first radial direction to define the maximum dimension of the respective enlarged portion, the cylindrical portions of said enlarged portions being coaxial with one another and with the head which is circular in cross section.

20. (previously presented) The fastener of claim 19, wherein each of said enlarged portions includes two said lugs extending outwardly from two diametrically opposite locations on the respective cylindrical portion to define the maximum dimension of the respective enlarged portion.

21. (previously presented) The fastener of claim 20, wherein, in the whole elongated body, said second neck portion has smallest dimensions in both said first and second radial directions, thereby defining a weakest point of said elongated body which will be first ruptured upon application of sufficient stress to said elongated body.

22. (previously presented) The fastener of claim 21, wherein said head comprises a transverse wall having a central region to which said elongated body is connected; and a collar extending downwardly from a periphery of said transverse wall and obliquely, away from said central region of said transverse wall;  
wherein said collar comprises two cut-outs which define therebetween an axially movable locking tooth.

23. (previously presented) The fastener of claim 22, wherein said tooth is angularly spaced, in a circumferential direction of said fastener, about 90 degrees from the lugs of said first and second enlarged portions.

24. (previously presented) The fastener of claim 23, wherein a width of said locking

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tooth is substantially equal to that of the lug of the first enlarged portion, and said tooth and the lug of said first enlarged portion are substantially equally spaced from an axis of said cylindrical portions.

25. (previously presented) In combination,

first and second sheet members each being formed with an opening having a greater dimension and a smaller dimension respectively in first and second radial directions perpendicular to an axial direction of said opening, the openings of said first and second sheet members being aligned with each other; and

a fastener comprising a head and an elongated body extending, in the axial direction of said openings, from said head through said openings;

wherein

said elongated body comprises, in said axial direction, a first enlarged portion connected to an underside of said head via a first neck portion and a second enlarged portion connected to said first enlarged portion via a second neck portion;

said first sheet member is disposed between said first enlarged portion and said head with said first neck portion located in the opening of said first sheet member;

said second sheet member is disposed between said first and second enlarged portions with said second neck portion located in the opening of said second sheet member;

each of said enlarged portions has a greater dimension and a smaller dimension respectively in the second and first radial directions;

the greater dimension of said second enlarged portion is smaller than the greater dimensions of said first and second openings and is greater than the smaller dimension of said second opening, thereby allowing said second enlarged portion to be aligned with and pass through the openings and then to be locked against withdrawal after rotation of said fastener a predetermined angle about said axial direction; and

the greater dimension of said first enlarged portion is smaller than the greater dimension of

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said first opening and is greater than the smaller dimension of said first opening, thereby allowing said first enlarged portion to be aligned with and pass through the first opening and then to be locked against withdrawal after rotation of said fastener the predetermined angle about said axial direction.

26. (previously presented) In the combination of claim 25, wherein said head comprises a collar which has an axially moveable locking element partially received in the first opening to lock against further rotation of said fastener about said axial axis.